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—OF THE—

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHICKASAHAY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HEIDELBERG CHURCH,

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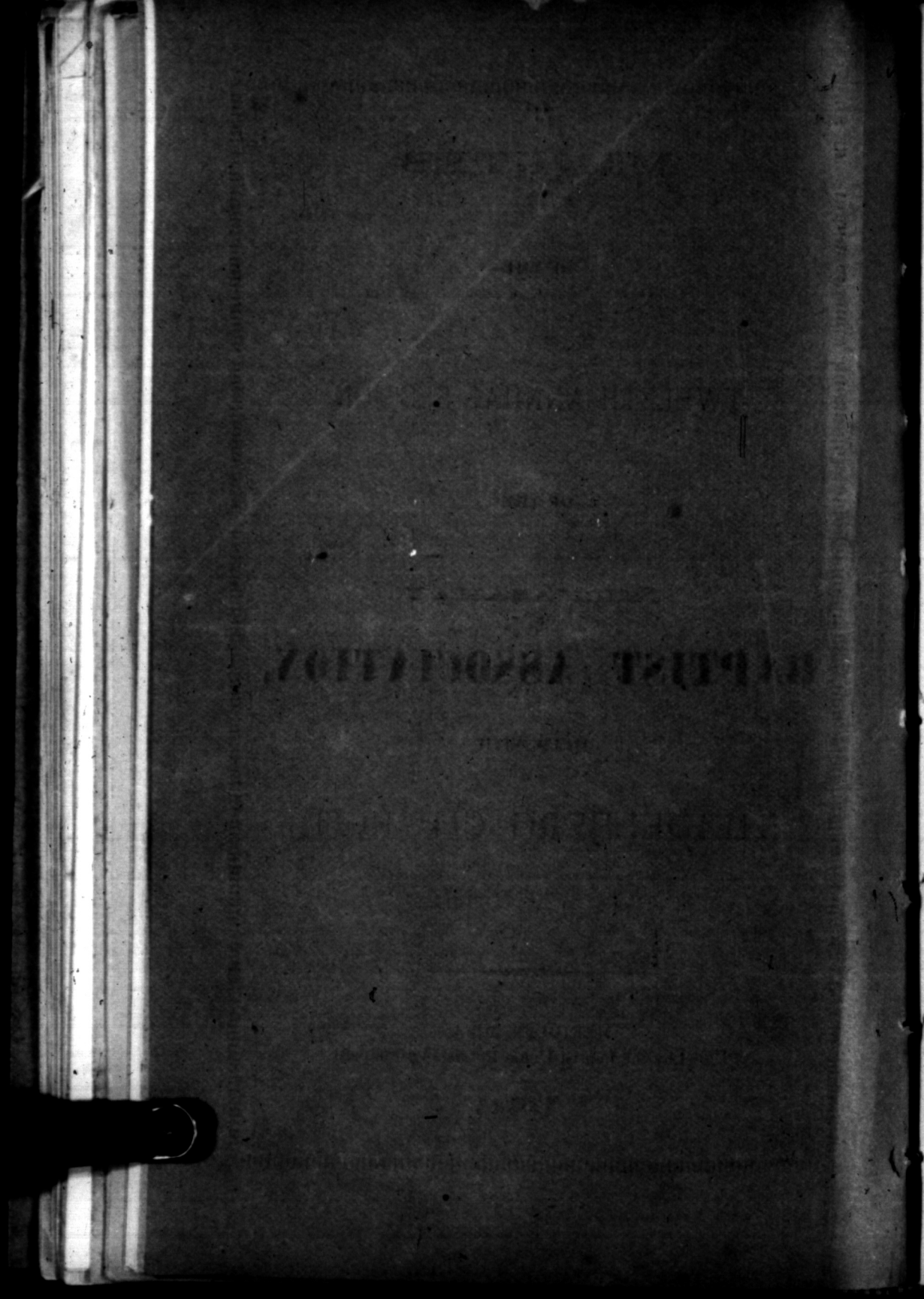

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CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION.

HEIDELBERG. MISS., Sept. 23, 1887.

The Twelfth Annual Session was held with the church at Heidelberg, Miss., Sept. 23, 1887. After leading in devotional exercises, Eld. J. W. Bozeman, Moderator, called the Association to order at 11 o'clock A. M., the Clerk being absent, Bro. W. M. Conner was elected Clerk pro tempore, and Bros. Benj. Thigpen and S. O. Y. Ray were requested to read the church letters.

The churches composing the Association were represented as follows:

Augusta: J. N. McCoy,
Bethlehem: Not represented,
Big Creek: J. H Davis and W. D Cockran,
Buckatunna: R. R Hall,
Clear Creek: J. K Pilkenton and John Rainey,
Concord: Albert Rogers and James Ulmer,
DeSoto: W. S. Dobbs,
Ellisville; A. B. Hayes,
Enterprise: Geo. S McGhee,
Estabutchie: C. L. Thatch and H. H. McComb,
Fairfield: W. R. Freeman,
Harmony: J. L. Quinnelly and D. R. Red, jr.,
Hattiesburg: W. M. Conner and A. E. Arledge,
Heidelberg. E. D. Travis and T. W. Tullos.
Laurel: Luther Jarman,
Meridian: J. W. Bozeman, C. F. Woods and A. R. Carter,
Mt. Zion: J. S. Busby and Thomas Bryant,
Narkeeta: S. O. Y. Ray,
New Hope: Not represented,
Quitman: W. E Northrup,
Salem: W. R. Robinson and N. J. Chambliss,
Sandersville: J. C. Souls,
Shubuta. A. J. Gray and W. H. Patton,
State Line. Not represented,
Vossburg: Pinkney Smith,
Yellow Creek: W. D. Watson.

The Moderator announced as Finance Committee, C. L. Thatch, N. J. Chambliss and J. N. McCoy,

Devotional Exercises, delegates of Heidelburg church, Geo. S. McGhee and W. H. Patton.

Petitionary letters were received as follows:

Narkeeta church, delegates, S. O. Y. Ray, Harmony church, J. L. Quinnelly and D. R. Red, jr., each of the churches were admitted to membership in the Association by a unanimous vote, and the delegates were welcomed by the Moderator.

The Moderator announced the election of officers as next in order, and appointed W. R. Freeman and J. S. Busby as tellers. After taking the ballot, the tellers announced the unanimous election of Eld. J. W. Bozeman, as Moderator, and W. M. Conner, Clerk and Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers were called for, and the following were received and welcomed to seats:

Convention Board, Eld. Jean Vane.
Hobolochitto Association, T. D. Bush,
Pearl Leaf Association, T E. H. Robinson.
Salem Associaton, Benj. Thigpen.
Mississippi College, Prof. R. M Leavell.

The following were appointed as Corresponding Messengers by the Moderator:

To Ebenezer Association, W. H. McComb and C. L. Thatch.
To Bethlehem Association, L. E. Hall, S. O. Y. Ray, W. H. Patton and Geo. S. McGhee.
Liberty Association.
Salem Association, W. P. Smith, W. S. Dobbs and J. L. Quinnelly.
Mt. Pisgah Association.
Gulf Coast Association, L. E Hall and J. W Bozeman.
Pearl Leaf Association, S O Y. Ray and W. B. Robinson.
General Association, L. E. Hall, J. W. Bozeman, S. O. Y. Ray and W. H. Patton.
Columbus Association, J. W. Bozeman.
Mobile Association L. E. Hall and W. H. Patton.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint the usual committees, and announced the same at the afternoon session.

On motion, Eld. L. E. Hall will preach the usual introductory sermon this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion, the brethren from Yellow Creek church was requested to make an explanation of the position taken by their church on the whisky question during a "Local Option Election" in their county. After hearing the explanation of the matter, the Association received their acknowledgement, and complaint was dismissed.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1st DAY.

The Association was called to order at 2:30 P. M., and after Devotional exercises, proceeded to business. Committes were announced as follows;

Education, C. F. Woods, D. R. Red, jr., and Albert Rogers.
Missions, L. E. Hall, H. H. McComb, J. H. Davis and W. D. Cockran.
Sunday Schools, W. D. Northrup, R. R. Hall and Luther Jarman.
State of Churches, W. H. Patton, J. H. Davis and J. K Pinkerton.
Nominations, Geo. S. McGhee. W. B. Robinson and A. E. Arledge.
Apportionment, W. R. Freeman, Jean Vane. W. H. Patton, J. L. Quinnelly, James Ulmer, John Ramey, N. B. Hayes and J. C. Souls.
Sustentation, J. S. Busby, W. B. Watson and Pinkney Smith.
Temperance, S. O. Y. Ray, A. J. Gray, W. S. Dobbs and Thomas Bryant.

A suggestion that the brethren present report in regard to Spiritual work within the bounds of the Association met with a response from a number who gave most encourageing reports.

Proposed High School.

Report of Committee on "Proposed High School" was read and referred back to said committee with instructions to report again dur-

ing this Association, and on motion, the following brethren was added to the committee, W. M. Conner, A. F. McGhee and C. F. Woods.

Report of Missionary.

S. O. Y. Ray reported at considerable length the progress of the work under his charge, and the advancement of the cause of our Master, and the necessity of assisting some churches. On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of L. E. Hall, the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention Board be requested to continue S. O. Y. Ray in the Mission work of this Association at a salary that will enable him to devote his time entirely to the work.

Report of Vice-President Mrs. Georgie D. Philips, "Central Committee of Womans' Work" was read and adopted.

On motion, the work was approved and she appointed to continue in the work as Vice-President for the ensuing year.

On motion, Association adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

At 7:30 o'clock P. M., according to adjournment, Association assembled, special order of the hour Introductory sermon by L. E. Hall.

By request, W. D. Northrup read the Introductory Lesson, 2nd James, 14th to the last verse. Song, "Work for the night is coming." Text: First clause 2nd verse, 2nd chapter Revelations, "I know Thy works."

Bro. Hall's effort in explanation of the duties devolving on us as Christians was grand and masterly, and will no doubt do much good towards stimulating Christians to a more vigorous effort to push the cause of our Saviour throughout this jurisdiction.

On motion, Association adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 24th.

Association met at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. D. Bush, after which, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises reported through Bro. Geo. S. McGhee, that they had selected Elder T. D. Bush to preach the evening sermon, and Elder J. W. Bozeman to preach the eleven o'clock sermon on to-morrow, and Elder Jean Vane to address the Sunday School on to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

The following Committees submitted their reports, all of which were adopted; some of them giving rise to interesting discussions.

On Education.

On Apportionments.

On Nominations.

On Sunday Schools.

On The State of the Churches.

On motion, the report of committee on Missions was made a special order for consideration at 2:30 P. M.

On motion, the report on Temperance was made a special order for 7:30 P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

At 2 o'clock P. M., Association was called to order by the Moderator and after usual religious exercises, proceeded to business.

Report of Committee on "Proposed High School" was read by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sustentation was read and adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to draft a suitable blank form for church letter: Bro. W. H. Patton, Rev. S. O. Y. Ray and Eld. L. E. Hall.

The Moderator announced that the hour for special order Committee on Missions to report had arrived.

Report of Committee on Missions was read by Eld. L. E. Hall, and ably discussed by the following Brethren: Hall, Ray, Robinson, Freeman, McGhee and Woods.

Report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have Southern Baptist Record, at Meridian, Mississippi, to publish Minutes of this Association and pay for same out of funds on hand.

Bro. C. F. Woods offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Chickasahay Association, in body assembled, do hereby tender their most hearty thanks to the Heidelberg church and surrounding country for the kind attention and generous hospitality given the delegates during its present Session.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M., Association met pursuant to adjournment. After Devotional exercises, the Moderator announced the Association ready to proceed to business. Special order of the hour, report of Committee on Temperance. Report was read by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray. and discussed by the following Brethren, S. O. Y. Ray, W. H. Patton, L. E. Hall, W. R. Freeman, Geo. F. McGhee and C. F. Woods.

Bro. W. H. Patton offered a series of resolutions, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered appendid to report of Committee on Temperance. See report.

On motion the report as amended and adopted.

On motion, a collection was taken up to aid Bro. S. O. Y. Ray in building and organizing a church at Narkeeta, which resulted as follows,

Amount subscribed by churches, or promised by their representatives,

Rev. T. E. H. Robinson,	$ 25 00
Eld. J. W. Bozeman,	25 00
Rev. S. O. Y. Ray,	10 00
Eld. L. E. Hall,	10 00
W. H. Patton,	10 00
C. F. Woods,	5 00
J. N. McCoy,	5 00
Enterprise church,	10 00
Hattiesburg "	10 00
Heidelberg "	5 00
Fairfield "	2 50
Mrs. T. J. Hardy,	1 00
Mrs. E. D. Gibson,	50
By collected,	3 90
Total,	$122 90

The delegates and visitors then joined in singing a hymn of praise; the parting hand was extended and the Association adjourned "Sine die."

J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

W. M. CONNER, Clerk.

N. B. The next Association will be held with the church at Hattiesburg, on Friday before the last Sunday in September, A. D., 1888.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The whisky traffic is the great curse of our race, the curse of the church, the State and the homes; indeed every interest of all these is effected and materially injured by it. There can be no question as to its power and influence, when the great political parties of this country stand paralyzed and confused in its presence; a great monster that threatens the happiness of every man, woman and child, and paralyzes every effort for the salvation of mankind; a foe to God and man. The question for Christianity to day is, "What can be done with it?" The history of the last few years, has demonstrated the fact that prohibition by law, is the only means of banishing, this curse from our midst. While other methods have been fruitful of much good, this has been the remedy for this evil. Every State in the Union has adopted this method in some measure, Mississippi to-day is more than half freed from this curse, while Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas and Louisiana, indeed every State in the Union is struggling for freedom and are throwing off the power of the saloon and its influences. While we have said that prohibition was the remedy for this evil, we have not intended to say that there is not forces back of this, all powerful in their nature, that have forced to the surface and to its front, this method as the best way. It is the conviction of your Committee, that the church of Jesus Christ, her Godly men and women, her pulpit and her press, her prayers and tears, and labors, have put in motion all these influences that have culminated in the present reform, which is destined under God to free us from this great evil.

Prohibition laws cover a large portion of our land to-day, but we must not forget that no law can be beneficial unless sustained by wholesome public sentiment; it is the work of the church to create this sentiment. The church is the hope of the world, for it is the light of the world. Let us realize this truth and press the work from every standpoint until our homes and our land shall be free.

S. O. Y. RAY,
A. J. GRAY,
W. S. DOBBS,
THOS. BRYANT,
Committee.

Bro. W. H. Patton offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1st, That it is the sense of this Association, for any minister or church member to visit saloons, sign whisky petitions, go on the bond of "Liquor sellers," vote "For the sale," or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic in intoxicating liquors, is unchristian conduct, and should be brought under church discipline.

Resolved 2nd, That the members of this Association be requested to use their influence in the introduction of Temperance Text Books into our private schools, and the securing the enactment of a law requiring scientific temperance instruction taught in the public schools, supported wholly or in part by money from the State Treasury.

Rssolved 3rd, That we endorse and commend the work done by the Christian women in their efforts in the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Resolved 4th. That we will withdraw from any church, and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in Resolution 1st.

Report of Committee on High School.

Your Committee has carefully canvassed the question, with all the facts before them, and have decided that the time for the establishment of this school has not fully come. It is the opinion of your Committee that as soon as the Gulf and Ship Island R. R. is built, and the towns have been located, that the school ought and can be established, We therefore recommend that the location of the school be postponed for the present, and that the Committee be continued with power to act in the matter as in their judgment circumstances may render advisable.

S. O. Y. RAY,
T. J. HARDY,
C. L. THATCH,
W. M. SPRINKLE,
J. G. WELBORN,
C. F. WOODS,
W. M. CONNER,
A. F. McGEE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Sustentation.

Your Committee on Sustentation beg leave to submit the following: We see from the letters but two churches within the bounds of our Association contributed to this fund, during the past year. Is it not a shame for 1500 Baptists to give $17 10 for the sustenance of our aged and infirm ministers; old soldiers of the cross that have worn out their lives in giving the Gospel to the perishing? Shall we let them suffer for the necessaries of life? O, that we could impress upon our pastors, that yet have health and vigor of body and mind; the importance of laying the claims of these infirm ministers before their people. We recommend that a collection be taken in each church in this Association, and forwarded to Bro. B. W. Griffith, Treasurer of the Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi, during the next Associational year

J. S. BUSBY, Ch'mn. Com.

Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions would report, that in a report which is expected to be as brief as one which is to be incorporated in the Minutes of an Association, it is impossible to give even a full synopsis of the work which is being done by the various boards which receive the contributions of our churches. We would mention first, our own associational work. We rejoice that much has been done during the past few years, and feel hopeful for the future of this work We believe that there is more destitution in our bounds than can be supplied by one man, and we recommend the continuance of Bro. S, O. Y. Ray, his efficiency having been tested and proven during three years in the past

The work which is being done by our Home Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention is prospering as never before.

During the five years of the administration of Dr. Tichenor, it has grown on the confidence of our people and has inspired the Denomination with a constantly increasing interest in its work. The Board has 251 Missionaries in its employ; administered last year, 3928 baptisms, and has 13,051 teachers and pupils in its Sunday Schools, and spent $60,000 in the purchase of lots and the construction of church buildings. It raised and expended on the field, $122,097. Cuba and Mexico are the most fruitful fields that are being sustained by your benevolence, and these are under the care of our Home Mission Board.

Our State Mission work, under the management of our State Convention Board is doing well, we have some 30 Missionaries which are serving for either a part or all of their time; 753 were baptized in connection with their labors during the past year, and eight churches were organized by them. In connection with this, we would mention that the General Association has a number of men employed in S. E. Miss., who are doing a noble work. Your Committee is not informed as to the amount of work done by these Missionaries, about 50 have been baptized by Bro. Bush, who has been employed by the General Association.

Our Foreign Mission work presents a field so vast and of so much importance, until anything like a discussion of its needs or its vastness is out of the question here. We recommend that Christians pray over this matter, inform themselves as to their duty and try to have their contributions correspond in some degree with the measure of their obligations to God and a perishing world.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. HALL.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Very few of the inhabitants of the world have ever yet heard the Gospel. Our world is a heathen world to-day. Nine-tenths of it is to-day in the darkness of Catholicism and Paganism; while one-tenth only is bright with the Gospel. We live in the light part; but 1,200,000,000 souls live and die in the darkness. Much is being done by Baptists and other Christians to give the Gospel to these. Over 3,000 men and 2,500 women missionaries have gone to carry it to them. But these are far too few.

A careful estimate of the number of Missionaries needed in India to-day, makes the number 10,000 besides those already there. As many are needed for Africa, and twice as many for China. And we may safely say, that 40,000 Missionaries and the money to support them are needed for the foreign mission work to-day; and the places are open and ready to receive them. It is in the great Pagan, Mohammedan and Catholic nations that the "Fields are white." "The harvest is great," and "The labourers are few."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Including the Mission in Havana, Cuba, we have 21 men and 31 women Missionaries, with 60 native assistants in foreign fields. Number of converts, 1,748; baptized last year, 390; pupils in schools 1,171. Some of these Missions are very prosperous. Thus Rev. A. J. Diaz, in Cuba, wrote, March 1st, 1887, that he had baptized 102 converts in two months, and that from every part of the island the cry came, "We want the Gospel." And later, that he and his wife had risen from their bed many times in a single night to bless the Lord for the wonderful things he was doing in and around the city of Havana. So, also, from Mexico, W. D. Powell writes of the "Grandest trip of my life; having baptized 81 converts, and organized two churches in the month of July." Bro. M. T. Yates, also, from Shanghai, writes of one of his deacons, "Wong Yeur San, who, at his own expense, built a chapel costing $1,000, where he also preaches, to the wonder of his own people.

To support their Missionaries, Southern Baptist's gave last year, $90,000. Of which, Mississippi Baptists gave $4,600. Much more is needed for the coming year; and Mississippi Baptists are asked to give $8,000. And you, brethren, of the Chickasahay Association, are asked in Christ's name to do your part.

Every one of our stations need re-inforcements. New and precious fields are opening continually before our missionaries; and they are begging for money and men to occupy them, and brethren, they ought not to beg in vain. The time was when Christians prayed that the world might be opened to the Gospel. The world is open now. Then Christians prayed that labourers might be willing to go as missionaries. Now, 3,000 young men and women in this country, and 1,600 in England, many of them Baptists, have enrolled their names as ready and waiting to go to foreign fields. This list is constantly growing; and every week applications for foreign mission work are coming in. Brethren, these young Christians should not plead in vain. Oh, if our churches could but see the hand of God in these things, and give as they

might and ought of their money to send these young labourers to the waiting fields! The world would then quickly have the Gospel, and the kingdom of God be come on earth.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED:

1. Extensive distribution among our churches of Missionary papers and tracts; causing our people in the language of Christ, to "Look upon the fields." John 4:35

2. The observing by the churches, in some way, a monthly concert or meeting of prayer for missions. Thus obeying our Lord's command, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest. Luke, 10:2.

3. Liberal giving of our money to send out and support missionaries; thus making our abundance of the Gospel to be a supply for the necessities of the perishing heathen. 2nd Cor. 8:14.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE WHITFIELD,
Vice. Pres., F. M. B.

Report of Committee on Nominations,

We recommend that Eld. J. W. Bozeman, (Eld. W. D. Northrup, alternate), preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting.

That the next Session of this body be held with the church at Hattiesburg.

That the following named brethren constitute the Standing Committee on Ministerial Education: S. O. Y. Ray, W. H. Patton, W. M. Conner, M. W. Buckley.

That the following brethren be our delegates to the next State Convention: T. B. Bonner, Jas. F. Parker, G. L. Donald, J. W. Bozeman.

That Brethren C. F. Woods, Geo. S. McGee, T. J. Hardy and W. M. Sprinkle, constitute a Standing Committee on Associational Missions.

Time of our next meeting: Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1888.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. S. McGEE,
W. B. ROBINSON,
A. E. ARLEDGE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on the State of Churches.

Your Committee have examined the letters sent up from the churches and find the spirituality, as a whole, good. There are, however, some churches connected with this Association that are in a cold state, others have a poor idea of what constitutes spirituality, and the peace they are enjoying is because they are not opposing Satan. With few exceptions, weekly Prayer Meetings are kept up, an active, well attended Prayer Meeting is a good index as to the spirituality of the church.

The most of them report Sabbath Schools, which are the hopes of the churches, and we recommend that each church without a weekly Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School, to organize them. We are sorry to report only eight Ladies' Aid or Missionary Societies, and only three Childrens' Missionary Societies, either one or both are valuable auxiliaries to any church. The increase in membership is not so much as in former years, and many of the churches report baptisms none. Hattiesburg, Augusta, Meridian, Laurel and Narkeeta churches have enjoyed precious revivals, and report numerous baptisms.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

We are pleased to report an increase in pastoral support, nearly 50 per cent. over last year. There has also been an increase of nearly 100 per cent. in missions, yet it has been done only by a few of the churches; the amount given amounting to only sixty-five cents per member. Ministerial Education has only received aid from three of the 26 churches. Susten-

tation has been remembered by only three churches. The letters show scarcely nothing done for the poor With pleasure we note increased interest in general education, and more attention given to neat and comfortable houses of worship: also giving more interest in the character of the men to make and execute our laws and educate our children.

The representation is good in number and of representative men, but two churches not represented, and none of them by letter only. We cannot obtain any information from the letters as to the number of religious papers taken. Your Committee know of many brethren that fail to supply their families with the Southern Baptist Record, and Foreign Mission Journal, yet many of them take secular papers, not moral in their teachings. We recommend parents to look well to the class of literature their children read.

W. H. PATTON, Ch'mn. Com.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following, viz: We regard this branch of Christian work of vital importance to the churches, hence it should be carried on with renewed zeal and energy. We rejoice to know that most of the churches composing this body, have Sunday Schools in successful operation. We regret to note the absence of Sunday Schools in some of our churches, and would prayerfully recommend such churches to organize Sunday Schools at once.

Two or three churches report Union Schools. Your Committee would advise against such schools. We are commanded to train up our children in the way we would have them go, when old they will not depart from it.

Union Schools is not the place to thus train our children. We would further advise the churches to control and supervise the schools, elect the officers and select the literature. Your Committee would further advise, that due care should be exercised in selecting teachers, much depends upon this; often ungodly persons are appointed. This should not be, as they cannot impress the lessons upon the mind and hearts of the children. We would advise the pastors to impress the importance of work upon their various charges by lectures &c.

Respectfully submitted, WM. D NORTHRUP, Ch'mn.

Report of Apportionment Committee.

Your Committee would report that while they find a large and gratifying increase in all departments of denominational work as evidenced by the following results:

Increase in Pastoral Support, $1,547 05; Missions, $449 70; Association work, $12 10; yet your Committee would say let us do grander things for the Master and the work during the coming year. Your Committee find that the Convention Board request the Association to raise the amount of $1,250 00 during the ensuing Associational year, for the following purposes: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, including Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary, Sustentation and Colportage. making six objects seeking the fostering care of the Association. Your Committee would respectfully offer the following apportionment and plans of work:

PLAN OF WORK.

Quarterly collections for the following objects, State Missions, 1st quarter; Foreign Missions, 2nd quarter; Home Missions, 3rd quarter; Mississippi College and Theological Seminary, 4th quarter. That at the time of taking each collection, we would respectfully suggest to the pastors, the propriety of preaching a Missionary Sermon, specially treating of the object for which the collection is to be taken. We would further recommend that

Sustentation and Colportage be provided for by the taking of collections for these objects on 5th Sundays.

APPORTIONMENT OF AMOUNTS TO CHURCHES.

Augusta,	20 00	Laurel,	20 00
Big Creek,	10 00	Mt. Zion,	25 00
Bethlehem,	5 00	Meridian,	750 00
Buckatunna,	10 00	Narkeeta,	5 00
Concord,	15 00	New Hope,	5 00
Clear Creek,	25 00	Quitman,	25 00
DeSoto,	5 00	Shubuta,	100 00
Enterprise,	50 00	Salem,	75 00
Ellisville,	50 00	State Line,	25 00
Estabutchie,	10 00	Sandersville,	25 00
Fairfield,	50 00	Yellow Creek,	5 00
Harmony,	25 00	Vossburg,	5 00
Heidleberg,	25 00		
Hattiesburg,	25 00	Total,	$1,390 00

All of which is respectfully submitted

W. R. FREEMAN, Ch'mn. Com.

Report of Eld. S. O. Y. Ray, Missionary of the Chickasahay Association.

I have labored this year, three hundred and forty-five (345) days, traveled four thousand, three hundred and twenty-nine miles; preached one hundred and seventy-three sermons; attended forty-seven Prayer-Meetings; made one hundred and eighty-three religious visits; baptized twenty persons, and in connection with my work, others have baptized forty-eight others. Forty-three have been received by churches to which I have preached, and twelve have been restored to fellowship.

I have made two Sunday School addresses, and distributed two thousand three hundred and ninety-six pages of tracts, sold twenty-four Bibles and ten religious books.

I have collected nine hundred dollars for church buildings; two hundred and eleven dollars and twenty-five cents for State Missions; twenty-three dollars and seventy cents for Foreign Missions; five dollars for Ministerial Education; have held meetings with thirteen churches; have built one house of worship and have obtained ten subscribers to the "Southern Baptist Record." I have preached at five places on the M. & O. R. R., and two on the N. O. & N. E. R. R.

The character of the work done this year has been different from the work performed in the past. The object in the last three years has been to organize and build up "the work" in new towns and places of influence. The past Associational year has been devoted to building up the work where it could not sustain itself, and to holding meetings with the churches. Some of them to which I have ministered are self-sustaining now, and will get along without further help while others will need aid. Among these I will mention Buckatunna, DeSoto, Lauderdale, Laurel and Narkeeta churches. The church at State Line has just finished their house of worship, at a cost of eight hundred dollars, and their future prospects are greatly improved.

The church recently organized at Narkeeta will need a house of worship, they can build a suitable house for five hundred dollars. We want this Association to give us one hundred and fifty dollars to aid in this undertaking.

Our mission work ought to be prosecuted vigorously. Many destitute places have not been reached, and many calls for help have not been met, nor could not be. Much that ought to be done remains still undone, and it is important that this body look prayerfully after the interests of the work within our bounds.

Submitted, S. O. Y. RAY.

Your Committee appointed on Education, beg leave to make the following report:

To educate is to advance; and only that people or denomination that gives to this great question the attention that its importance demands, may expect to keep pace with the requirements of the times. The cry is forward. The call is for more and better educated men and women. In this day when

every issue of Satanic iniquity is stalking abroad in the land, and error sits ensconced in high places, surrounded by the mystic walls of falsehood and fraud, no mean foe in strength is to be met; and they who give battle with the hope of winning, must come well equipped unto the fight.

Realizing these facts, and the ever-pressing needs of a constantly developing society, your Committee would urge the most earnest effort and prayerful attention on the part of our Associational and Conventional bodies toward securing those appliances, by which our ministry may be better developed and may become more thorough in scholastic and theological learning. Many a minister has gone forth to battle for the Lord with high hopes and determined purposes, who has felt his ardor cool and his zeal slacken because the means used did not accomplish the ends desired and anticipated, and all because he was ignorant of the proper application of those means. Therefore, your Committee feeling that too much emphasis cannot be put upon the importance of this part of our work, recommend that all the members of this Association, and especially the pastors, impress upon our young men and boys, whether they contemplate entering the ministry or not, the pleasure, the profit, the necessity of education. And in order that they may be correctly instructed in these great moral truths and denominational principles, as we believe they are taught in the Bible, along with their mental training, your Committee would recommend their attendance upon Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Mississippi, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Kentucky.

These schools need no recommendation from your Committee. The former prepares young men for any sphere of life; the latter trains young ministers for active and effective service in the army of the Lord. These schools are precious children of the denomination, ever gladdening the heart of the parent church by their noble works—good seed sown in good ground that have brought forth a hundred, yea a thousand fold increase to the honor and glory of our God.

Mississippi College demands our especial attention. It has done a grand and noble work in educating and equipping young men for the duties of life, and in preparing young ministers to effectively discharge the responsibilities their sacred callings impose upon them. This school is largely dependent upon the denomination for support, and if we all help, the burden will be light upon all; but not so if it is left to a few. Fifty young ministers were in attendance at the college during the last session. The board of most of these, and the tuition of all of them, as well as the tuition of about twenty-five of the son's of minister's actively engaged in preaching, has been paid by the Baptists of Mississippi. The consecrated men who are connected with the college have long borne the heat and burden of the day—this should not longer be—let us *all* help, and rejoice that we have an opportunity to help in so great a cause.

Your Committee realizing that the earliest and most important lessons are those given in the home circle, would earnestly recommend that more attention be given to the education of our young ladies and girls. The development of all nations or sect of people, is, and has always been in proportion to the mental and moral development of its women. To the mothers and sisters of our land is given a power, an influence, greater—far greater, than the combined influences of earth besides. This power is as great for evil as it is for good. Then, how necessary, how infinitely important it is, that the girls should receive that mental and moral training so essential in making the complete woman, fully equipped and furnished unto all good works. Your Committee would commend The Starkville Female Institute, The Shuqulak Female Institute and the Central Female Institute located at Clinton, as some of the schools for the education of girls and young ladies.

Your Committee, further realizing the importance of sustaining a denominational paper, and the power of the press as an educator and moulder of public opinion, would recommend the Southern Baptist Record, edited by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, and published at Meridian, Mississippi, as elevating in its tone, earnest in its purpose and sound in doctrine, and urge that efforts be made to put it into the house of every Baptist family in the Association; and again, to the end that our people may become better informed as to the working of Baptists in foreign lands and of the needs of missions, and of the infinite importance of this work. Your Committee would recommend tha

efforts be made to extend the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, edited by Dr. Tupper, and published at Richmond, Virginia, believing that if our people knew and felt the needs of the mission fields as they are, that there would not be a Christian within the bounds of this Association that would not open his heart and his pocket and give of his sympathy and his substance to the help of the Lord. In closing this report, your Committee beg leave to commend, in the highest terms, the steps taken to establish a high school within the bounds of the Association, and only regret that the work has not reached a point more decided and definite, and recommend that its establishment be pushed with the greatest diligenee and care, believing the greatest danger is in delay.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. WOODS,
D. R. RED, JR.,
ALBERT ROGERS.

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts as sent by the churches for the following purposes:

For Associational purposes,	40 45
" State Missions,	20 35
" Home "	8 15
" Foreign "	23 95
" Sustentation,	50
" Miscellaneous,	9 35
Total amount turned over to W. M. Conner, Sec'y. and Treas.	$102 75

C. L. THATCH,
J. N. McCOY,
N. J. CHAMBLISS,

Treasurer's Report.

Amount received from Finance Committee,	$102 75
" for Associational expenses since,	25
Total,	$103 00

CREDIT.

By amount sent B. W. Griffith, Treasurer Convention Board,	62 30
Amount on hand to pay for Mimutes, postage &c.,	40 70

WALTER M. CONNER, Treasurer.

Report of Vice-President of the 'Central Committee on Woman's Work" for the Chickasahay Association

TO THE CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: Early in the year I received a communication from Mrs. Minnie C. Dameron, Secretary of the "Central Committee on Woman's Work," stating that the Central Committee had selected myself as its Vice-President for the Chickasahay Association, and asking my acceptance of the appointment. The letter further stated that it was expected that the Association would have attended to this matter at its last session, but as it failed to do so, the Central Committee had taken this liberty. I replied that I would accept the work and do the best I could until the Association met, when it could appoint whom it pleased.

It is important that this work receive the endorsement of the Association, so I respectfully ask you to consider it

The duties of this office are to look after the interest of woman's work—to organize Ladies' Missionary Societies—send quarterly reports from each Society to the Secretary of the Central Committee, &c.

The work has been a very pleasant one to me, and altho' I have not done all that I have wished; I hope that you will consider that I have been at work but a few months and have not had time to correspond with the ladies of all the churches.

Since I undertook the work, (about the first of April,) I have been instrumental in organizing three societies and reviving one that had gone down. I have gotten all the Societies except one to make quarterly reports. There

are only eight churches out of twenty-four in the Association that have Ladies' Societies; Meridian 1st Church has four—a Missionary, an Aid, a Martha Crawford, composed of girls and young ladies, and a Childrens' Society. Shubuta has two, one composed of both sexes.

The aggregate amount reported by these Societies for the three quarters beginning Oct. 1st, and closing July 1st, is $678.15.

I would earnestly solicit the pastors to co-operate with your Vice-President in getting a Society organized in every church in the Association.

Respectfully, (MRS.) GEORGIE D. PHILLIPS.

Shubuta, Miss., Sept. 22nd, 1887.

Special Notice to Clerks of Churches.

Will you not be more careful in making up your next Church Letter? You will find suitable blanks accompanying these Minutes, please preserve, they will materially aid you in reporting every thing necessary, and greatly facilitate the work of the Association, and lessen the labor of your Secretary.

WALTER M. CONNER, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter, provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator and a clerk, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alternation, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceeding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evicence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10 We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular baptised believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6 Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered are amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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Augusta	Augusta	T E H Robinson	5	2	1				29			100 00		8 00	4 30	7 00	3 00		122 30
Bethlehem	Not represented								† 9							2 00			47 00
Big Creek	Waynesboro	W West	8	2	1		1		72			45 00			3 90	4 50	1 25		60 85
Buckatunna	Heidelberg	S O Y Ray	1	4	1				24			50 00	1 20						60 00
Clear Creek	Shubuta	J M Phillips			1	12	7	2	52	35	6	60 00				3 90		4 25	46 15
Concord	Shubuta	W Z West					2		38			38 00					50		3 00
DeSoto	DeSoto	No pastor					1		20					2 50					
Ellisville	Ellisville	T D Bush	3	7		5		1	88			134 00	10 00	6 20	16 00	106 60	10 00	16 50	299 30
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Meridian	Meridian	J W Bozeman	47	33		13	1		† 25										
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Shubuta	Shubuta	H M Long		7	1		7		35			44 00	4 50	5 00	6 00	94 00			153 50
State Line	State Line	S O Y Ray				2			92	50	8	300 00	55 00		23 10	40 00	20 00	134 00	582 10
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†Number of Members taken from last year's minutes

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

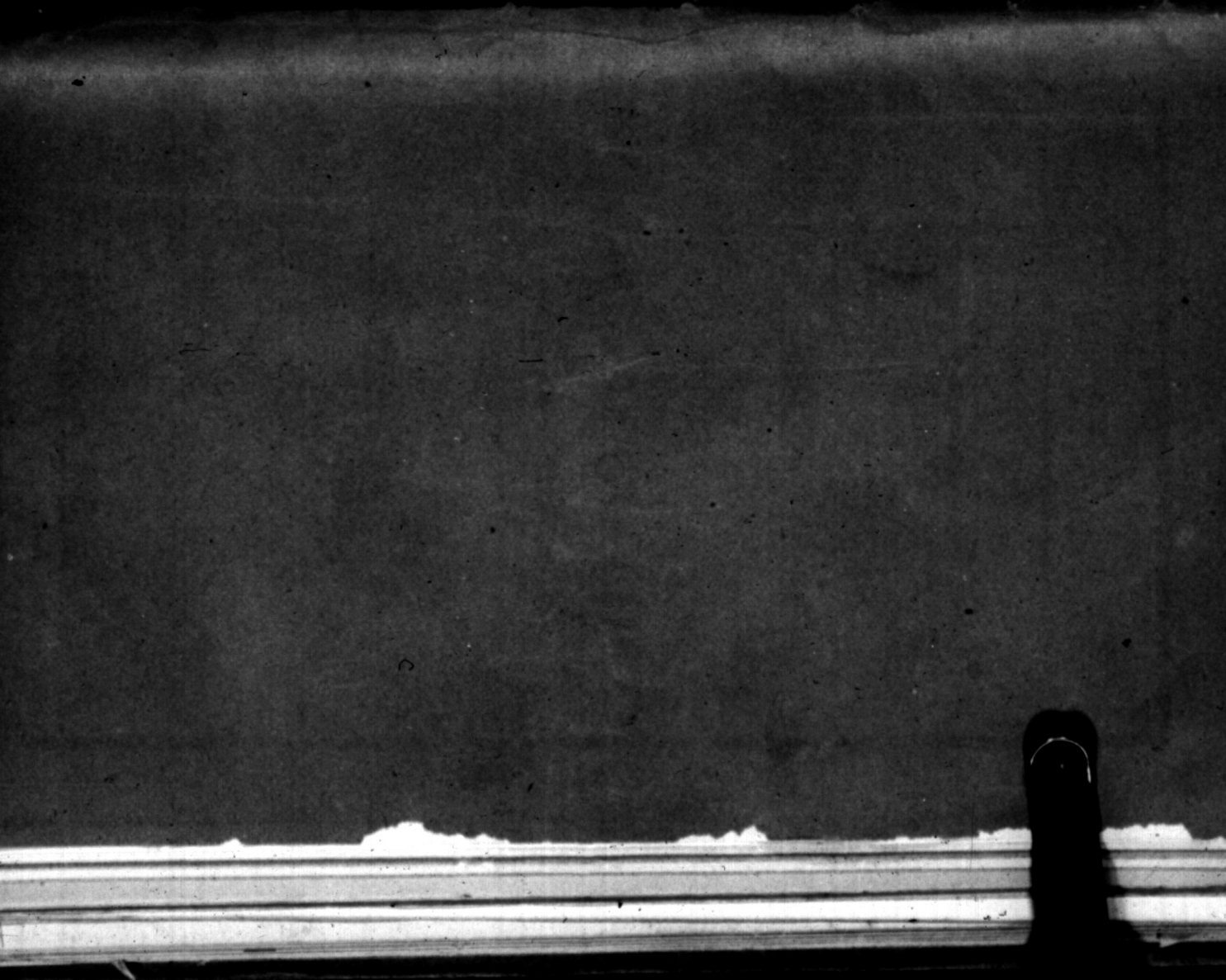
L E Hall, Shubuta, Miss.
Wilson West, Waynesboro, Miss.
Chas Busby,, Waynesboro, Miss.
S O Y Ray, Enterprise, Miss.
J W Bozeman, D D, Meridian, Miss.
J T Barrett, Ellisville Miss.
W A McComb, Estabutchie, Miss.
W D Watson, Waynesboro, Miss.
W D Northrup, Quitman, Miss.
J E Steinwinder, Laurel, Miss.
H M Long, Shubuta, Miss.
T E H Robinson, Hattiesburg, Miss
James Crawford, Shubuta, Miss.
J M Phillips, Heidelberg, Miss.
G W Knight, DeSoto, Miss.
T E Tucker, Buckatunna, Miss.

Associational Letter.

The ..... Baptist Church of Christ; To the Chickasahay Baptist Association to convene with the ... . Baptist Church, ... County, Mississippi, ... 188—.

DEAR BRETHREN: We have chosen as delegates, our brethren, ... as alternates, ... to represent our church in your annual meeting. Post Office, ... Miss , Pastor, ... Time of meeting, ... Number reported last Association ..... Number baptized, ... Received by letter, ... Restored, ... Dismissed by letter, ... Excluded ..... Deceased, ... Increase, ... Decrease, ... Male, ... Female, ... Total number, ... Contributed to pastors salary $ .....to State Missions, $..... to Home Missions, $ ..... to Foreign Missions, $..... .....to Mississippi College, $.....to Ministerial Education, $..... .....to Ministerial sustentation, $..... ..... Ministerial help in meetings, $.....to Sabbath School expenses, $..... .....to the poor, $..... .....to church building at weak points $.....church repairs, $ ..... incidental expenses of church, $ ....Total, $..... We send for State Missions, $..... .....for Home Missions, $ .....for Foreign Missions, $.... .....for Ministerial Education. $ ....for Mississippi College, $..... For Minutes, $.....and ask for..... copies. During the past Associational year we have held..... ..... There is ....copies of the Southern Baptist Record, and.....copies o Foreign Mission Journal taken by us. Our Prayer Meeting meets every ....it is..... well attended by ....of our members lead in prayer. The Sabbath Schoo Superintended by..... .....assisted by..... ..... Remarks..... .....

Number of officers .....Teachers..... ..... Scholars..... .....Male..... Female .... Total..... .....Gain.....Loss.....Contributions .....It is under the supervision of the church, its officers are ..... elected and the school supported by the church. Literature .... The Ladies' ....Society is.....flourishing condition, has..... members, they have raised $..... .....expended as follows: .... The young..... .....meets every ....have.....members. Remarks .... Names of ordained ministers .... Names of licentiates..... ..... Remarks, (under this head give State of the Church.)..... ....



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MINUTES

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Chickasahay Association.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 21st, 1888.

The Thirteenth Annual Session was held with the Church at Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 21st, 1888. After leading in devotional exercises, the Moderator being absent, W. M. Conner, Clerk, called the Association to order.

On motion, the Association proceeded to temporary organization, and Elder L. E. Hall was elected temporary Moderator. The Moderator requested Brothers J. L. Finley, S. O. Y. Ray and W. M. Sprinkle to read the church letters. The churches composing the Association were represented as follows:

Augusta—J. N. McCoy and C. A. Bradley.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Big Creek—Not represented.
Buckatunna—Not represented.
Clear Creek—Not represented.
Concord—Not represented.
Desoto—Not represented.
Ellisville—T. J. Hardy, J. B. Wilborn, A. B. Hayes.
Enterprise—S. O. Y. Ray.
Estabutchie—H. H. McComb and C. L. Thatch.
Fairfield—A. M. Patrick.
Fairmount—E. Bishop.
Harmony—A. J. Crane and T. J. Hardy.
Hattiesburg—W. M. Conner, J. G. Rodgers, J. R. Morris.
Heidelberg—W. M. Sprinkle and B. F. Travis.
Laurel—W. D. Turner.

Lauderdale—D. O. McWhorter.
Meridian—A. R. Carter.
Mt. Zion—C. R. Thomas and C. D. O'Gwynn.
Narkeeta—C. Creed.
New Hope—Not represented.
Pine Hill—E. S. Robinson.
Quitman—L. E. Hall.
Salem—Not represented.
Saundersville—W. A. Roper.
Shubuta—S. D. Shumaker.
State Line—Not represented.
Vossburg—S. R. Vass.
Yellow Creek—Not represented.

Moderator announced as finance committee J. G. Rodgers, C. Creed and S. R. Voss.

Petitionary letters were received as follows:

Pine Hill Baptist Church—Delegates: E. S. Robinson.

Fairmount Baptist Church—Delegate: E. Bishop.

Each of the churches were received into membership in the Association and welcomed by the Moderator.

The Moderator announced the election of officers, as next in order, which resulted as follows: S. O. Y. Ray, Moderator, and W. M. Conner, Clerk and Treasurer. After returning thanks for the honor conferred, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

On motion, Association adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., and after devotional exercises, proceeded to business.

Corresponding messengers were called for, and the following received and welcomed to seats: J. L. Finley, B. F. Rawls, Pearl Leaf Association; Benj. Thigpen, Salem Association; T. S. Powell, representing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; J. W. Quick, A. G. Brown, Ebenezer Association.

On motion, S. O. Y. Ray was received as representation of the American Baptist Publication Society.

On motion, the regular order of business was taken up, and the following were appointed as corresponding messengers, by the Moderator:

Ebenezer Association—W. M. Conner, E. C. Eason, H. H. McComb.

Bethlehem Association—S. O. Y. Ray, Doctors Bozeman and Hackett.

Liberty Association—

Salem Association—J. B. Gambrell,

Mt. Pisgah Association—

Gulf Coast Association—L. E. Hall, J. G. Rodgers, W. M. Conner.

Pearl Leaf Association—W. A. Roper, S. O. Y. Ray.

General Association—W. M. Sprinkle, W. A. Roper, L. E. Hall, S. O. Y. Ray, S. R. Voss, J. B. Gambrell.

Columbus Association—D. O. McWhorter, C. Creed, J. A. Hackett.

Mobile Association—L. E. Hall and S. D. Shumaker.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint the usual committees and announce the same at the evening session.

Committee on devotional exercises reported that they had selected Brother T. S. Powell to preach the introductory sermon at 7:30 P. M.

On motion the Association adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 and the following appointments announced:

Education—L. E. Hall, E. Bishop, E. S. Robinson.

Missions—P. S. Powell, C. A. Bradley, E. S. Robinson.

Sunday Schools—W. M. Conner and S. D. Shumaker.

State of the Church—J. L. Finley and J. N. McCoy.

Temperance—L. E. Hall, A. M. Patrick, J. N. McCoy.

Nominations—D. O. McWhorter and T. J. Hardy.

Apportionment—W. M. Sprinkle, J. N. McCoy, W M. Conner.

Sustentation—Benj. Thigpen, C. R. Thames, C. D. O'Gwynn.

Queries—E. S. Robinson, J. L. Finley, T. S. Powell, C. L. Thatch.

Special order of the hour introductory sermon by Rev. T. S. Powell. Text, 36th verse, 18th chapter of John.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 8:00 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

September 22d, 1888.

Associatisn met at 8:30 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises, Moderator called Association to order. Minutes of preceding day were read and adopted.

The following committees submitted their reports, all of which were adopted: On Missions, on Nominations, on Temperance—(same report as last year,) on Sunday Schools, on Sustentation, on State of the Church, on Education, on Baptist High School, on Queries, on Apportionment.

On motion, the report of our missionary, S. O. Y. Ray, was read and adopted, and the Convention Board requested to appoint him for another year.

On motion, Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of New Orleans, was received and welcomed to a seat, and accorded the special order of the hour, 2:30 P. M., to address the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator, and after devotional exercises, announced ready for business. Special order of the hour, address by Mrs. M. J. Nelson, after which the committee on devotional exercises announced that Rev. J. L. Finley had been selected to preach the evening sermon, and Mrs. Nelson to address the Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted: By W. M. Conner, returning thanks to N. O. & N. E. and M. & O. Railroads for courtesies shown the members of this Association; by J. N. McCoy, expressing the sympathy of this Association with Brother A. R. Carter and family in the very sad affliction which has this day befallen them, occasioned by the accident on the N. O. & N. E. R. R. to his son; by W. M. Sprinkle, returning thanks to the citizens of Hattiesburg for their kindness and interest manifested in this meeting.

On motion the minutes of the Association were read and adopted, and while singing a hymn the parting hand was extended, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Lauderdale Baptist Church on Friday before the last Lord's day in September, A. D., 1889.

S. O. Y. RAY, Moderator.

W. M. CONNER, Clerk.

Report of Committees.

Report of committee on Queries. See report marked No. 1.

Report of committee on Nominations. See report marked No. 2.

Report of committee on Apportionment. See report marked No. 3.

Report of committee on High School. See report marked No. 4.

Report of committee on Sustentation. See report marked No. 5.

Report of committee on Sunday-Schools. See report marked 6.

Report of committee on State of the Church. See report marked No. 7.

Report of S. O. Y. Ray, missionary. See report marked No. 8.

Report of committee on Missions. See report marked No. 9.

Report of committee on Education. See report marked No. 10.

Report of committee on Finance. See report marked No. 11.

Report of Treasurer.

Amount received from finance committee.....	$116 40
Amount for Associational expenses since.....	40
Total	$116 80

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By amount sent B. W. Griffith, treasurer Convention Board,.....	$79 95
By amount on hand to pay for minutes, postage &c.....	36 85

WALTER M. CONNER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

1—On Queries

On the Queries submitted to us we offer the following report:

1st. In the Southern States, generally, the churches may be considered almost solid against the reception of alien immersions under any circumstances; and any church which persists in receiving such baptisms is in our judgment out of harmony with the general practice of Baptist churches in the South.

2nd. As to whether a church receiving such immersions forfeits Associational fellowship, must be determined by the policy of that Association to which it belongs.

This Association, in article 12 of its printed articles of faith, recognizes baptisms administered by those only who have been duly set apart by regular Baptist Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. ROBINSON,
J. L. FINLEY,
T. S. POWELL,
Committee.

2—On Nominations.

We recommend that Elder J. B. Gambrell (Elder J. A. Hackett, alternate,) preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting; that the next session of this body be held with the church at Lauderdale, on M. & O. R. R.; That the following brethren constitute the standing committee on Ministerial Education: L. E. Hall, W. M. Conner, B. F. Travis; the following brethren be our delegates to the next State Convention: J. B. Gambrell, J. N. McCoy, G. T. Donald; that Brethren C. F. Woods, J. N. McCoy, D. O. McWhorter, standing committee on Associational Missions. Time of meeting, Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1889.

W. M. SPRINKLE,
J. G. RODGERS,
D. O. McWHORTER.

3—On Apportionment.

Your committee would report that while we have not the books and papers to give exact figures, we believe there has been an increase in all denominational work;

we believe the membership is growing in liberality, and we believe this growing good is greatly due to the efforts ot our ladies in their woman's work.

PLAN OF WORK.

We recommend that all pastors take up private collections quarterly or monthly for the different objects supported by us.

APPORTIONMENT OF AMOUNTS TO CHURCHES.

Augusta	$15 00	Desoto	$ 5 00
Big Creek	10 00	Enterprise	50 00
Bethlehem	5 00	Ellisville	50 00
Buckatunna	10 00	Estabutchie	10 00
Concord	15 00	Fairfield	50 00
Clear Creek	25 00	Harmony	25 00
Heidelberg	20 00	Shubuta	100 00
Hattiesburg	25 00	Salem	75 00
Laurel	20 00	State Line	25 00
Mt. Zion	25 00	Sandersville	25 00
Meridian	75 00	Yellow Creek	5 00
Narkeeta	5 00	Vossburg	5 00
New Hope	5 00	Pine Hill	10 00
Quitman	25 00	Fairmount	10 00

W. M. SPRINKLE,
J. N. McCOY.

4—On High Schools.

Your committee appointed for the purpose of locating a Baptist High School in South Mississippi would ask for further time in which to make their final report, as we do not deem it advisable to make a final report at this time, in view of the small number of churches represented here, and would ask that the committee be continued in full power as before.

Respectfully,
S. O. Y. RAY,
W. M. CONNER,
Committee.

5—On Sustentation.

Your committee are of the opinion that the churches of this Association are not coming up to the full measure of duty in sustaining the aged and infirm ministers among us, those faithful men, who have given their

lives to the preaching of the Gospel and the service of the church, and who now need help; we therefore recommend the churches composing this body to take a deeper interest, and contribute more liberally to this work, and the more so as this plan was voluntarily adopted by this Association for the relief of our superannuated ministers.

Submitted,
W. A. ROPER, Chairman.

6—On Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following as their report: To say that we regard this branch of Christian work as of vital importance to the promulgation of the doctrine of our blessed Savior and one of the great sources from whence we as Baptists must look to for recruits to our army, would but faintly express the importance of the question. Oh! that we could command adequate language to express in terms sufficiently strong as to bring the matter so clearly before all the churches in this Association that when we next meet there would not be a single church but what would be wide-awake to the importance of this great work. While we note with much pleasure the growing interest manifested on the part of Baptists in Sunday Schools and a great increase in number over our last report, let us not forget to pray earnestly that our every effort in this respect may be crowned with a grand and glorious success.

Your committee does not think they could lay too much stress on the importance of the church controling the Sunday School and electing the officers and teachers; nor could the church be too careful in selecting teachers; let them select Godly men and women to impart the light of life, whose moral standing is unquestionable, whose light so shines that it is not necessary to refer to church records to see whether they are members of the church or not. We would further suggest that superintendent can do much towards increasing the interest in the school by his punctual attendance, and amount of interest manifested on his part, and by not permitting the school to last until the children become wearied. Let him by all means never invite any

one to address the school who would occupy over ten or fifteen minutes. Our observation leads us to believe long chapters read, long prayers offered and long speeches made have been the death of more Sunday Schools than any other three causes.

Respectfully,
W. M. CONNER,
S. D. SHUMAKER,
Committee.

7—On State of Churches.

Your committee on the State of the Churches submit the following report: From the reading of the letters we see a favorable condition reported from all the churches, Sunday schools and prayer meetings are mentioned by many, and glorious revivals are reported in several. We are happy to report such a favorable outlook for all our churches.

Submitted,
J. N. McCOY, for Committee.

8—Report of S. O. Y. Ray, Missionary of Chickasahay Association.

I have labored this year 344 days, traveled 3,000 miles, preached part of the time to 7 churches and 3 stations. The churches at State Line and Buckatunna both have efficient pastors the present year, and are doing well, Elder H. M. Long at State Line, Elder Luther Norris at Buckatunna. I have served as pastor this year, DeSoto, Lauderdale, Narkeeta, Sandersville and Laurel, and have preached occasionally to three stations in the country. I have preached 156 sermons; others who have assisted me in meetings, have preached 137 sermons, have attended 89 prayer meetings, visited for religious purposes, 85 families; have baptized 65 persons; others have baptized in meetings where I labored, 102, twenty of this number were baptized into churches of which I am pastor, making total received into mission churches, 83; received by letter into the churches, 60; restored to fellowship, 8; total number baptized, 167; total number received by baptism, letter and restoration, 235; have organized 4 Sunday Schools, distributed 1,000 pages tracts, obtained 21 subscribers for Southern Baptist Record, sold 25 religious books, 3

Bibles, 25 testaments; collected for State missions, $218 00; paid to ministers who have aided me in meetings, $173, which aggregates for State missions $391 50; collected for foreign missions, $13 15; home missions, $39 40.

CHURCH BUILDING.—I have collected for the church at Narkeeta, $425 00; assisted the church at Stonewall in raising for their church building, $900 00. We bought a church building at Laurel valued at $275 00; church repairs at DeSoto, $48 00; total collections for church building and repairs, $1,648 00; total collection for missions, $444 00; total collections for all purposes, $2,092 00; Uncollected pledges for State missions, $275 00. I have held meeting with 17 churches and stations, and have visited 30 churches the past year.

NEEDS OF THE FIELD.—The entire work as regards the towns on the N. O. & N. E. R. R. the mission field of our Association five years ago, have become self-supporting, and are now contributors to our present mission work. While this is true an immense destitution, which has not been supplied, remains on our hands, in addition to the four weak churches which still remain on our work, viz: DeSoto, Lauderdale, Narkeeta, Vossburg. Many calls for help have not been met, nor could not be. Your missionary is profoundly impressed with the importance of supplying as many of these places as possible with preaching. Many of the pastors of our country churches are anxious to have an occasional visit in the interest of missions &c. The spirit of benevolence in all our borders needs to be cultivated. We need more preachers in this part of the State; men who are willing to work, and build up pastorates which will be self-supporting; educated Godly men, who are willing to make sacrifices for Christ's sake; men who are willing to settle among us for life, who intend to stay and work in the interest of the cause of Christ till they die. Such men as those we greatly need. Can we secure them for this long neglected field? The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth more laborers into his harvest field.

Submitted,

S. O. Y. RAY.

9—On Missions.

Your committee on Missions beg leave to report, that during the past Associational year rapid progress has been made in some parts of the field, while in other parts there has been little advance. The State Mission work, under agency of Secretary Christian, has made satisfactory progress. In the home field, most remarkable success has been achieved by Brother Diaz, in Cuba, who has met with great opposition and severe persecution, yet the work goes on in that Island with increasing impetus. In New Orleans, progress is slow but steady. The cause among the Indians has seemed rather to wane since the death of our veteran missionary. Henry F. Buckner; yet the good agencies and influences started under him and his colleagues are at work. They furnish a good foundation for hope of the complete evangelization of the simple children of the Indian Territory. Our Home Board has been able also to begin a most desirable work among the colored people of our own country.

In the foreign field, no missionary efforts have ever surpassed for brilliancy and rapidity of progress the achievements in Mexico under the leadership of W. D. Powell. Several recruits have recently been sent to this field, among whom is our own Chastain. The work in Africa is permanent and slowly but surely advancing. To our corps of missionaries on that dark continent, has recently been added, by appointment, Elder W. T. Lumbly, from this State. The work in Italy is making substantial progress under Dr. Geo. B. Taylor and John H. Eager of this State.

Brother Z. C. Taylor has, in the last year, returned to the assistance of Bagby, in Brazil. While we rejoice and take courage because of the beginning and progress which has been made in that young yet growing empire, we feel it to be a cause for regret and reproach that in all our work in South America, we have not a single church house. This is a great and growing country, now almost wholly under the reign of Catholicism. Besides our own missions in Brazil, we rejoice to know that there are other promising Baptist missions on this continent.

Since the last meeting of this Association, our veteran Yates, of China, has ceased from his labors and J. M. Joiner has returned home. China is a hard field, yet, perhaps, the most important on the globe. Between three and four hundred millions of people live in the Chinese empire; nearly one-third of the entire population of the globe, and this great nation is still almost totally involved in the darkness of heathen superstitions. Yet we are glad to report the light of the gospel slowly but surely breaking upon this great empire from a hundred different points.

In conclusion we would add that from every field, and even from fields not occupied by us, comes up the cry for men and women to teach the everlasting gospel of Christ. The men and women are ready to go, but the funds to send them are wanting. For the supplying of this deficiency in the missionary treasury, we would urge upon every church to secure a contribution for missions this next Associational year from all its members; and we would urge upon the pastors of churches to be not unfaithful to their charge in bringing this matter before their churches and taking regular collections for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. POWELL,
E. S. ROBINSON,
C. A. BRADLEY.

10—On Education.

Your committee agree to commend schools of our own denomination, strictly considered, to the patronage of our people, and we urge upon all attending these schools, the adoption of a full classical educational course.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. ROBINSON,
E. BISHOP.

11—On Finance.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts as sent by the churches for the following purposes:

For Associational purposes	$ 36 45
State missions	14 45
Home missions	30 65

Foreign missions	13 90
Sustentation	50
Missions	20 45
Total amount turned over to W. M. Conner, Secretary and Treasurer	$116 40

S. R. VOSS,
J. G. RODGERS,
W. M. SPRINKEL.

Special Notice to Clerks.

You will note there are many awkward looking blanks in the statistical table. This is due to your negligence. I cannot fill out these blanks for you; this you should attend to in making up your next church letter, that your church may get full credit for all contributions.

W. M. CONNER, Clerk and Treasurer.

Annual reports

Ordained Ministers,

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	
L. E. Hall	Shubuta,	Mississippi
Wilson West	Waynesboro,	"
Charles Busby	Waynesboro,	"
S. O. Y. Ray	Enterprise,	"
J. W. Bozeman, D. D	Meridian,	"
J. T. Barrett	Ellisville,	"
W. A. McComb	Estabutchie,	"
W. D. Watson	Waynesboro,	"
J. E. Steinwinder	Laurel,	"
H. M. Long	Shubuta,	"
T. E. H. Roblnson	Stix,	"
James Crawford	Shubuta,	"
J. M. Phillips	Heidelburg,	"
George W. Knight	Ellisville,	"
T. E. Tucker	Buckatunna,	"
J. B. Gambrell,	Meridian,	"
J. A. Hackett, D. D	Meridian,	"
J. M. Sammons	Waynesboro,	"
A. McLain	Waynesboro,	"
J. E. Phillips	Shubuta,	"
J. J. Jackson	Heidelberg,	"
T. D. Bush	Poplarville,	"

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

S. O. Y. Ray, Moderator	Enterprise,	Mississippi
W. M. Conner, Clerk	Hattiesburg,	"

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty membets thereafter, provided that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator and a clerk, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted ut the session immediately preceeding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God's chose His people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6 We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principal of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ only are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer and closed by praise or benediction.

2. Officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall preside or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6 Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8 No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered and amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.	No. Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total members.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Off. & Teach'rs.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Expenses.	Sunday-School Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total Contributions.
Augusta	Augusta	T D Bush		3		1	1		30	40	8	$ 75 00	$ 7 00	$	$	$	$ 4 50	$ 22 20	$ 108 70
Bethlehem	Not Rep.								‡ 9										
Big Creek	Waynesboro	J M Sammons	12	5		3	5	1	84										
Buckatuna	Heidelberg	Not Rep.							* 24										
Clear Creek	Shubuta	Luther Norris	6	4	1	6			57	45	8	400 00					3 00		43 00
Concord	Shubuta	Not Rep.							‡ 38										
DeSota	DeSoto	" "							‡ 20										
Ellisville	Ellisville	Geo. W Knight	22	26	1	4			137	180	12	157 25	14 15			14 00	12 80		198 20
Enterprise	Enterprise	L E Hall										168 00	6 00	11 80	5 00	32 00	20 00	30 16	272 80
Estabuchie	Estabuchie	No Pastor	14	4				1	44	41	7					60 00	7 37	16 30	83 67
Fairfield	Edney	G W Knight	3			3	2	1	108			125 00			3 75			5 00	133 75
Harmony	DeSoto	Luther Norris	7	4	2	10	4		54			100 00					2 40		102 40
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg	L E Hall	3	16					92	89	10	200 00	11 55		3 05	175 00	28 45	40 00	458 05
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	J J Jackson		5		1			25			110 00				149 30		54 45	313 75
Laurel	Laurel	S O Y Ray	19	10	4	6	2	1	79			28 00	2 00	2 00		117 00	19 20	28 00	196 20
Meridian	Meridian	J W Bozman	2	28		16	3	6	342	282	16	150 00	186 00	37 00	300 00	1325 48	92 96	544 10	3979 54
Mt. Zion	Buchatuna	T E Tucker	3	1		7		1	63			75 00		3 90	7 20			50	86 60
Narkeeta	Narkeeta	No Pastor	16	18				1	47				4 20		3 15	18 00			25 35
New Hope	Not Rep.								25										
Quitman	Quitman	Not Rep.							32										
Salem	Waynesboro	J M Philipps	24	9	5	3	4		159	30	6	100 00	7 00		3 55	40 00	8 50	25 50	184 55
Sandersville	Saudetsville	S O Y Ray	3	13		2	2			48		100 00		7 00	15 00				122 00
Shubuta	Shubuta	H M Long		5	1	4		3	91	50	7	244 00	50 00	20 65	20 00	40 00	18 00	66 30	458 35
State Line	State Line	H M Long	9	3	1	10	3		62	41	3	216 00	6 50	12 00		25 00	3 60	10 00	273 10
Vossburg	Vossburg	G W Knight	6	1					21	19	6				5 00	40 00	4 00		49 00
Yellow Creek	Waynesboro	Not Rep.							‡ 69										
Lauderdale	Lauderdale	S O Y Ray	1		1				8			100 00	38 00		3 00				141 00
Pine-Hill	Enterprise	E S Robinson							5	37	4								
Totals			150	155	16	76	26	15	1770	902	94	$3338 25	$ 326 40	$93 75	$ 368 90	$2035 78	$ 224 78	$ 842 35	$7230 01